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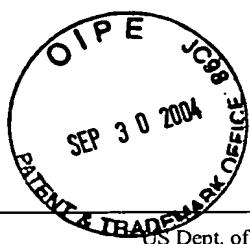
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List of Related Art for IDS

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Japanese Patent Publication	File Date	Publication Date	Comments
JP7-191601	1993/12/27	19975/7/28	<p>Japanese examiner explains this publication described below.</p> <p>According to the invention disclosed in this publication, guidance on a route to a destination can be provided, and a facility along the route can be searched for. Therefore, it can be considered that the invention disclosed in this publication corresponds to a “travel plan preparing device” according to the present invention.</p> <p>When the present invention is compared with the invention disclosed in this publication, the following difference can be seen. According to the present invention, one of an area and a service type is initially searched for, and the other is then searched for. In contrast to this, according to the invention disclosed in this publication , a route is initially decided by inputting a present location and a final destination, and a facility is then searched for.</p>
JP6-43807	1992/5/13	1994/2/18	<p>Japanese examiner explains this publication described below.</p> <p>Also, according to this publication, a target area for search is initially set, and a facility in the area is then searched for. It can be considered that the “target area for search” in this publication is one type of the “area” in the present invention.</p>

JP5-323872	1992/5/21	1993/7/12	<p>Japanese examiner explains this publication described below.</p> <p>This publication discloses that an area along a route is divided into multiple small areas (maps) in advance.</p>
JP7-105492	1993/10/8	1995/4/21	Japanese examiner locates this publication.
JP6-307878	1993/4/23	1994/11/4	Japanese examiner locates this publication.
JP6-331379	1993/5/26	1994/12/02	Japanese examiner locates this publication.
JP7-55483	1993/8/10	1995/3/3	Japanese examiner locates this publication.
JP9-33272	1995/7/18	1997/2/7	Japanese examiner locates this publication.
JP11-143358	1997/11/05	1999/5/28	<p>Japanese examiner explains this publication described below.</p> <p>This cited reference discloses the invention having the same structure as the invention as defined in claim 1 of the present application (refer to paragraph [0063] of the cited reference).</p> <p>This cited reference discloses that a travel plan is prepared based on sightseeing information (refer to paragraph [0129] of this cited reference).</p>
JP9-264750	1996/3/27	1997/10/7	<p>Japanese examiner explains this publication described below.</p> <p>This cited reference discloses that information about an area along a route is provided (refer to claim 6 of this cited reference).</p> <p>This cited reference discloses that information about an area near a present location is provided (refer to paragraph [0074] of this cited reference).</p>